



Senator Jack Hill

Senate District 4



Jack Hill of Reidsville, a Republican, was first elected to the Georgia Senate from the 4th District in 1990. Sen. Hill is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and also serves on the Ethics, Natural Resources and the Environment, Regulated Industries and Utilities and Rules committees as well as ex-officio for the Committee on Assignments and Finance Committees. Past chairmanships include: K-12 Education, Ethics and Higher Education.

He headed the Study Committee whose recommendations resulted in the expansion of the state's jobs tax credit for economically depressed areas and authored a constitutional amendment that has created regional industrial parks.

Sen. Hill also chaired a Study Committee that highlighted the plight of rural hospitals. He led efforts to increase reimbursement rates through restructuring as "critical access hospitals."

He has been a proponent of "early voting" legislation, which he introduced in 1999. Early voting was eventually passed as part of a package of election reforms.

He successfully sponsored legislation requiring state government to take a leadership role in encouraging recycling and sets goals for the purchase of recycled materials.

Sen. Hill also sponsored legislation in the 1995 General Assembly that adds a five percent surcharge to fines to fund victims' assistance programs.

As Appropriations chairman, he led the Senate in changing the budget process in Georgia to a results-based form through his efforts to base funding on clearly defined purposes and measurements. "Program budgeting" has been adopted in state budgeting and the result is Georgia has joined more progressive states utilizing this approach.

Georgia has maintained a "Triple A" Bond rating, the highest rating awarded throughout these years, as recognition of Georgia's business-like handling of state government.

Human Services have greatly benefited from Sen. Hill's leadership. Developmentally Disabled waiver slots have been increased by 2,000 slots over the past two years. The Senate led the way in amending the 2006 Amended Budget to provide funds for families declared ineligible for the "Katie Beckett Waiver."

Georgia Southern University and technical colleges in the 4th District have received over \$200 million in capital outlay funding during his tenure. He is quick to add that the entire local delegation worked to secure these funds.

Sen. Hill has been a long-time supporter of Georgia's Public Libraries. In 2005, he led an effort to create a \$2 million renovation and repair fund which began a process of modernizing libraries under a priority list developed by the State Library Board. In 2006, he led the way in securing \$2 million in Joint Senate/House onetime funding for books and materials for libraries across the state. Additionally, he has led efforts to restore funding to the Grassroots Arts Program.

Sen. Hill served for 33 years in the Georgia Air National Guard as a unit commander and as State Inspector General. He retired in 2004 from the United States Air Force Reserve as a Reserve Forces Officer assigned to the Selective Service System. His military service totaled 37 years.

An active community leader, Sen. Hill is the former chairman of the Tattnall County Development Authority, a Lion and Rotarian and headed a local historic preservation project that won a national award.

Sen. Hill served as Gov. Perdue's appointee to the three person team who negotiated a joint venture with the state of South Carolina to begin the process of building a new port in Jasper County, S.C. on the Savannah River.

Born July 15, 1944, in Reidsville, Sen. Hill graduated from Reidsville High School and Georgia Southern College and is a retired grocer. Sen. Hill and his wife Ruth Ann, a retired elementary school principal, are the parents of three children and seven grandchildren and are members of the Reidsville Baptist Church.

The 4th Senatorial District includes: Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Tattnall and Treutlen counties.

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